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### SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f)

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f), Applicant submits herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

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The undersigned hereby states that the specification to which the Declaration is attached is a true copy of the specification.

In light of the forgoing, the application is deemed to be complete and in condition for examination, and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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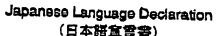
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